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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, DR

SUBJECT: TRUJILLISMO

1. DURING LAST SEVERAL WEEKS, RECORDINGS OF EX-DICTATOR TRUJILLO'S FAVORITE SONGS WERE SELLING OPENLY THROUGHOUT D.R. ON FEB 3, HOWEVER, GODR'S PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT COMMISSION RULED SUCH SALES ILLEGAL. THE SALES, AND COMMISSION'S DECISION SERVED TO HIGHLIGHT GROWING CONCERN AMONG CERTAIN SECTORS THAT TRUJILLISMO, IN PERSON OF EX-DICTATOR'S ONLY SURVIVING SON RADHAMES, IS ON UPSWING.

2. RADHAMES, WHO IS BARRED BY GODR FROM ENTERING D.R., HAS ADDED TO THIS CONCERN BY GENEROUS OUTLAYS TO PUBLIC RELATIONS AGENTS, A FEW JOURNALISTS AND SELECTED POLITICIANS IN HOPE THEY CAN CREATE SUPPORT FOR HIS CAUSE. THE FIRING OF A RECEPTIONIST IN THE TOURISM OFFICE WHO REFUSED TO SPEAK TO A DAUGHTER OF THE LATE "FAMFIS" TRUJILLO ALSO HAVE SERVED TO HEIGHTEN FEAR AMONG THOSE MOST OPPOSED TO RADHAMES' REENTRY-- OLD UNION CIVICA NATIONAL (UCN) LEADERS, EXTREME LEFTISTS AND MOST OF MEDIA. THEY ASSUME THAT UPON RETURN RADHAMES WOULD SEEK REVENGE FOR THEIR COMPLICITY IN HIS FATHER'S ASSASSINATION. THEIR FEAR IS INCREASED BY BELIEF THAT HE ENJOYS CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT AMONG SOME HIGHER-RANKING MILITARY WHO OCCASIONALLY OPENLY DISPLAY THEIR ATTACHMENT TO LATE DICTATOR. (VIVA EL JEFE, A CHEER FOR RAFAEL  
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TRUJILLO, REPORTEDLY IS ONE OF MOST COMMON WARCRIES WHEN

MILITARY OFFICERS UNWIND OVER A BOTTLE OR TWO.)

3. MORE OBJECTIVE POLITICIANS AND POLITICAL OBSERVERS ARE NOT OVERLY CONCERNED WITH RADHAMES OR RESURGENCE OF TRUJILLISMO. THEY BELIEVE THAT, UNLIKE HIS FATHER, RADHAMES IS INEXPERIENCED AND INCOMPETENT AND WANTS PUBLICITY MORE THAN POWER. FOR THEM, THESE TRAITS DISQUALIFY HIM FOR FUTURE LEADERSHIP. EVEN MORE DAMAGING TO RADHAMES' POLITICAL FUTURE, THEY BELIEVE, IS BALAGUER'S OPPOSITION TO HIS RETRUN TO D.R. PRESIDENT REPORTEDLY IS NOT ANXIOUS TO HAVE AN OPPONENT WHO MIGHT TRY TO RALLY MILITARY AGAINST HIM.

4. EMBASSY DISCOUNTS POSSIBILITY THAT RADHAMES CAN BRING BACK TRUJILLISMO TO DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. ALTHOUGH SOME MILITARY DO HAVE FOND MEMORIES OF THE LATE DICTATOR IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT THEY WOULD ACTIVELY WORK TO PLACE HIS SON IN NATIONAL PALACE. MOST HIGH-RANKING MILITARY ARE NOW REAPING FULL BENEFITS OF THEIR LONG ASSOCIATION WITH BALAGUER AND ARE NOT LIKELY TO RISK LOSS OF THESE TANGIBLE REWARDS BY DOUBTFUL ALLIANCE WITH RADHAMES.  
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